<center>**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**</center>

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 9 and 12-17 are amended. Claims 1-8 and 18 are cancelled. Claims 19 and 20 are added. Support for the additional claims and the claim amendments can be found in the claims as originally filed, and in Applicant's patent application on pages 15-16, paragraph 40; page 18, paragraph 48; pages 19-21, paragraphs 51-56; page 24-25, paragraphs 66-68; and pages 27-30, paragraphs 78-86. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant is not conceding in this application that any of the original claims are unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

I.   Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview held on June 22, 2007 between the Applicant's representatives and the Examiner. An agreement was reached that amended claim 9 overcomes the cited reference because the cited reference fails to disclose the feature wherein rearranging a plurality of components of the domain in the inverse order includes exchanging positions of a first and last component of the plurality of components of the domain, wherein the plurality of components of the domain are separated by a punctuation character. Amended claims 14 and 15 also include the agreed-upon feature. Therefore, amended claims 14 and 15 also overcome the cited reference. No other agreement was reached.

II.   Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 7, 8, 12-14, and 18 as containing informalities. Claims 7, 8, and 18 have been cancelled, rendering the Examiner's objection to claims 7, 8, and 18 moot. Regarding claims 12-14, Applicant has amended claims 12-14 accordingly, thereby overcoming the objection.

III.   35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 15-18 as directed towards non-statutory subject matter. Claim 18 has been cancelled, rendering the rejection of claim 18 moot.

Regarding claim 15, Applicant has amended claim 15 accordingly, thereby overcoming the rejection. Because claims 16 and 17 depend from claim 15, the objection is overcome for these claims as well.

IV.   **35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation; Claims 1, 4, 8, and 18**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 8, and 18 as anticipated by *Sit et al*., Agent/Proxy Connection Control Across a Firewall, U.S. Patent 6,349,336, February 19, 2002 (hereinafter "*Sit*"). Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 4, 8, and 18, rendering the rejection moot.

V.   **35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation; Claims 9-17 and New Claims 19 and 20**

The Examiner rejected claims 9-17 as anticipated by *Isomichi et al*., Gateway System and Recording Medium, U.S. Patent 6,938,171, August 30, 2005 (hereinafter "*Isomichi*"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended claim 9 was discussed in the interview held on June 22, 2007 between the Applicant's representatives and the Examiner. Amended claim 9, which is representative of amended claims 14 and 15, is as follows:

> 9.   Computer equipment relaying transmission of an HTTP request and return of an HTTP response between a terminal and a server; comprising:
> HTTP request transfer means for relaying the HTTP request with a cookie sent from a browser of the terminal to transfer the HTTP request with said cookie to the server as a destination of the HTTP request; and
> HTTP response transfer means for receiving the HTTP response returned from the server in response to the HTTP request, deleting a domain described in a Set-Cookie header, rearranging a plurality of components of said domain into an inverse order, embedding the plurality of components into a path described in said Set-Cookie header, and transferring the HTTP response with said Set-Cookie header to the terminal, wherein the plurality of components of said domain are separated by a punctuation character, and wherein rearranging the plurality of components of said domain in the inverse order includes exchanging positions of a first and last component of the plurality of components of said domain.

As discussed and agreed in the interview held on June 22, 2007, *Isomichi* does not anticipate amended claim 9 because *Isomichi* does not disclosure each and every feature of amended claim 9. Specifically, *Isomichi* fails to disclose the feature wherein rearranging the plurality of components of said domain in the inverse order includes exchanging positions of a first and last component of the plurality of components of said domain and the feature wherein the plurality of components of said domain are separated by a punctuation character.

Isomichi discloses a system in which a user may access information services using only a single user ID and password. *Isomichi* discloses a gateway that converts and inversely converts data that is passed between the user and an information service, such as a user ID, password, or domain, using a designation conversion table. The converted data may be data that is included in a cookie. However, neither the portion of *Isomichi* describing the conversion and reverse conversion processes, nor any other

portion of *Isomichi*, discloses exchanging the first and last components of a domain. Therefore, *Isomichi* fails to disclose exchanging the positions of the first and last component of the plurality of components of the domain, as claimed.

Because amended claim 9 is representative of amended claims 14 and 15, the same distinctions between amended claim 9 and *Isomichi* also applies to amended claims 14 and 15. Additionally, because claims 10-13, 16, and 17 and new claims 19 and 20 depend from amended claims 9 and 15, at least the same distinctions between *Isomichi* and amended claims 9 and 15 apply for these claims as well. Additionally, claims 10-13, 16, and 17 and new claims 19 and 20 claim other additional combinations of features not disclosed by *Isomichi*. Therefore, the rejection of claims 9-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been overcome.

VI.   **35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness; Claims 2, 3, and 5-7**

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over *Sit* in view of *Isomichi*. Claims 2, 3, and 5-7 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

VII.   **Conclusion**

The subject application is patentable over the cited references and should now be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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